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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.:	10/578,249	Examiner:	Al Hashimi, Sarah
Filing Date:	May 4, 2006	Art Unit:	2853
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For:	LASER MARKING DEVICE, LASER MARKING METHOD, AND OBJECT TO MARKED		

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2008 in the above application.

ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects the species represented in Fig. 10, for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the species of Fig. 10 are claims 1, 2, 4, and 11. It is acknowledged that claims 1 and 2 are considered to be generic.

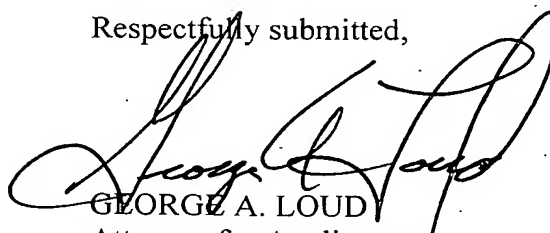
The applicant hereby reserves all rights to the non-elected subject matter.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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